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Week of August 17- 23, 2009

RICULTURAL SUMMARY: Livestock looks good.

Small grain harvest continues.

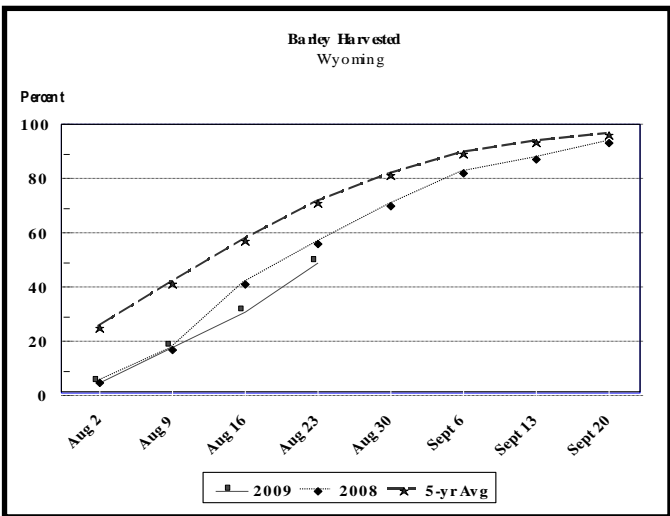
Hay harvest continues.

Most of the State received warm, dry days and cool nights for the week. Grasshoppers were a problem in the Northeast counties. Hail was reported in Platte County. Pastures and livestock were looking good for this time of year. High temperatures ranged from high 80's to 100. Low temperatures ranged from the mid 20's to mid 40's. Topsoil moisture was at 76 percent adequate or better, up 24 points from last year and up 41 points from the average.

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	12	23
Short	24	23	36	42
Adequate	74	75	51	35
Surplus	2	2	1	0

IRRIGATION WATER	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	9	1	18
Short	1	17	24
Adequate	88	82	58
Surplus	2	0	0

**Field Crop Report:** There were 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Barley was 95 percent turning color, 73 percent mature, and 50 percent harvested, 7 points down from last year and 22 points below the average. Oats were 91 percent turning color, 72 percent mature, and 33 percent harvested; 18 points below 2008 and 30 points below the average. Ninety-four percent of winter wheat was harvested, 3 points below the previous year and 5 points below the 5-year average. Eighty-two percent of dry beans were in bloom, 63 percent setting pods, and 30 percent leaves turning color, 4 points above last year and even with the average. Corn was tasseled at 96 percent, 79 percent silked, 31 percent milk, and 6 percent dough, up 3 points from last year but down 15 points from the average. Fifty-eight percent of alfalfa hay has been cut for the second time, down 7 points from last year and down 14 points from the average. Two percent of alfalfa hay has been cut for the third time, down 1 point from last year and down 2 points from the average. Eighty-four percent of other hay has been harvested; 5 points above the previous year but 3 points below the 5-year average.



CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Turn Color	95	87	97	98
Barley Mature	73	58	86	91
Barley Harvested	50	32	57	72
Oats Turn Color	91	79	96	94
Oats Mature	72	48	80	80
Oats Harvested	33	15	51	63
Spring Wht Turn Color	85	74	98	97
Spring Wht Mature	70	43	85	88
Spring Wht Harvested	30	11	52	66
Winter Wht Harvested	94	91	97	99
Corn Tassled	96	93	98	98
Corn Silked	79	62	76	88
Corn Milk	31	13	33	58
Corn Dough	6	0	3	21
Corn Silage	0	0	0	1
Dry Beans in Bloom	82	75	97	99
Dr Beans Setting Pod	63	55	74	87
Dry Beans Turn Color	30	11	26	30
Dry Beans Windrowed	0	0	2	4
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cut	58	39	65	72
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cut	2	0	3	4
Other Hay harvested	84	76	79	87

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	0	0	1	18
Poor	6	5	15	21
Fair	33	31	42	33
Good	52	55	34	24
Excellent	9	9	8	4

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Range and pasture conditions were at 61 percent good or better, up 19 points from last year and up 33 points from the 5-year average. Irrigation water supplies were at 90 percent adequate or better, up 8 points from 2008 and up 32 points up from the 5-year average.

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending August 23 averaged at or above normal at 4 of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 10 degrees below normal at Newcastle to 4 degrees above normal at Buford. The high temperature was 100 at Douglas, while the low was 26 degrees at Shirley Basin. Twenty-nine of the 33 reporting stations received below normal weekly precipitation and 11 received below normal cumulative precipitation. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.40 inches reported at Sundance, which was 0.05 inches above normal precipitation.

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**Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 23, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	91	40	65	-3	0.06	0.21	-0.15	4.75	-3.03
Dubois	87	29	55	-5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	9.77	3.14
Greybull	95	44	67	-3	0.06	0.14	-0.08	4.64	-0.64
Jeffrey City	92	34	60	-5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	9.36	1.53
Lake Yellowstone	90	35	60	-1	0.06	0.31	-0.25	11.85	1.52
Lander	96	41	66	-4	0.00	0.14	-0.14	12.18	3.03
Powell	90	40	62	-5	0.08	0.07	0.01	4.46	-0.75
Riverton	96	41	65	-2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	7.13	1.50
Worland	96	42	65	-7	0.03	0.14	-0.11	5.00	-0.59
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	88	42	63	-6	0.25	0.21	0.04	12.96	2.76
Buffalo-Johnson	89	43	64	-6	0.07	0.21	-0.14	11.08	1.22
Gillette	97	43	65	-5	0.29	0.28	0.01	9.50	-2.28
Midwest	96	39	62	-8	0.12	0.14	-0.02	9.01	-1.21
Newcastle	93	41	61	-10	0.28	0.42	-0.14	13.46	1.58
Sheridan	91	43	65	-5	0.11	0.21	-0.10	9.91	-0.40
Sundance	92	39	63	-6	0.40	0.35	0.05	14.74	0.90
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	90	28	57	0	0.00	0.14	-0.14	7.88	2.83
Evanston	90	36	63	3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	8.99	1.64
Jackson Hole	88	32	58	-3	0.00	0.35	-0.35	13.75	-0.16
Thayne	89	32	57	-4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.76	-2.05
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	97	37	63	-6	0.00	0.14	-0.14	11.56	2.27
Laramie	88	33	59	-3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.87	-0.32
Rawlins	92	34	61	-5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	9.31	2.59
Rock Springs	93	41	65	0	0.00	0.11	-0.11	6.34	0.02
Shirley Basin	96	26	57	-2	0.19	0.20	-0.01	10.20	2.75
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	92	39	61	4	0.02	0.35	-0.33	15.91	4.89
Cheyenne	92	44	64	-2	0.04	0.42	-0.38	11.21	-0.55
Chugwater	95	39	62	-4	0.20	0.35	-0.15	17.62	5.81
Douglas	100	41	65	-4	0.03	0.16	-0.13	9.21	-0.16
Lance Creek	99	42	65	-7	0.03	0.28	-0.25	11.83	1.69
Old Fort Laramie	96	39	62	-8	0.00	0.23	-0.23	10.59	0.40
Torrington	98	45	66	-4	0.06	0.23	-0.17	13.50	3.13
Wheatland	96	41	65	-5	0.00	0.28	-0.28	11.94	2.16

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955